

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation that claims 1-4, 6-10, 12, 18 and 19 have been allowed. Claims 13-15 stand rejected and claims 16 and 20 have been objected to.

It is submitted that the amendments to claims 16 and 20 address the informalities objected to by the examiner. It is, therefore, requested that this objection be withdrawn.

The rejection of claims 13-15 as being anticipated by Semeria is respectfully traversed. It is submitted that the claims are entitled to the effective filing date of May 31, 2001, the filing date of U.S. provisional application no. 60/294,755, to which priority has been claimed. Semeria appears to have been published in July of 2001. Therefore, Semeria does not qualify as prior art under 35 U.S.C. §102(b).

Furthermore, even if Semeria is prior art, it is submitted it does not appear to anticipate claims 13-15, and that the examiner's interpretation of Semeria appears, to the extent that it is understood, to be incorrect. Not one of the routers referenced by the examiner appears to receive routes, accept a first subset of those routes, modify a second subset of those routes, and distribute the modified routes. For example, the examiner references on p. 10, CE_2 advertising only internal routes to PE_2. However, it appears that PE_2 accepts all these routes. Neither CE_2 nor PE_2 appear to modify a subset of routes and that it has received them to export modified routes. The examiner's references to p. 23 as disclosing the modification and distribution step, is not understood.

In view of the above amendment, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. A notice to that effect is respectfully requested. The examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned if he can be of any assistance.

Applicants are paying the one-month extension fee via credit card at the time of electronic filing of this paper. Applicants believe no further fees are due for the filing of this paper. However, the Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees due or credit any overpayments made to Deposit Account No. 070153 of Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP, referencing 131105-1003.

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Respectfully submitted,

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